



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from

Left to Right, Seated: Joe D. Wright, William O. Vickery, Berent Knutsen, Jim Argue, Joseph L. Gerhart, Robert W. Pirtle. Standing: Rod Jackson, Margaret Bond, Estelle Morgan, Wyvonne Armstrong, Jaci Turner, Ruth Gerhart, Carol Longstreth, Lynn Morse, Esther Peterson, Gloria Argue, Gwen English, Goldia Anderson, Genett Sneed, Nancy Boyd, Janie Olson, Cheryl Holloway.

DECEMBER 1970

GLAD Tidings

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD,
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT



PEOPLE AND PLACES

All news in this section is printed as contributed by the Assemblies. We welcome brief reports from all of our Churches and Evangelists. All photos should be sharp, high contrast, black and white glossy.

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PASTOR LEE MILDON,

... Seaside Assembly, was honored on the occasion of his fifteenth year as Pastor of that fine congregation. A beautiful surprise banquet had been arranged and guests from many areas of California and Nevada were in attendance. Special feature of the evening was a "This Is Your Life" presentation, which highlighted outstanding events in the life of Pastor Mildon. Special speaker for the evening was District Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart. The congregation presented Pastor Mildon with beautiful cuff links and tie bar in which had been set a total of fifteen diamonds, one diamond for each year of his ministry.



Pastor Dwight Burchett & Sheriff John Misterly

PASTOR DWIGHT BURCHETT,

... Bethany Church in Sacramento, is shown presenting the new C. M. Ward booklet, "J. Edgar Hoover Testifies," to the Sacramento County Sheriff, John Misterly. Pastor Burchett said, "I trust this booklet will have a genuine and profound spiritual impact upon the life of our sheriff. Our community leaders need Christ and His saving grace just as does the average man on the street. I believe this booklet will be an easy tool for our Assemblies of God people in evangelism."

EVANGELIST AND MRS. ALFRED J. MORRISON

... are reporting excellent meetings as they move from church to church throughout the District. God is enabling them to minister in

small areas where others may not be able to go. This is because of the fine trailer which they use for their travel and living accommodations. The Morrisons are a great soul-winning team and use their music and enthusiastic abilities in preaching the Gospel in a positive manner.

IMPACT SAN BRUNO

CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH, SAN BRUNO

... Pastor Orville Easterly reports excellent response in the recent IMPACT crusade. "Forty of our people participated in our door-to-door seed planting mission. By noon Thursday, we had placed 2,279 packets in homes. It rained Wednesday evening, but five teams braved the rain and went out anyway. Results — we found almost everyone at home. We ran out of material Thursday afternoon so we had to stop. We plan now to take this packet to every new resident in San Bruno. Our ladies are forming their own 'welcome wagon.'"

CABRILLO ASSEMBLY, SOQUEL

... Pastor Lloyd Reece reports, "We are moving along nicely with our building program and hope to have the roof, walls, and plastering completed by the first of the year. Our attendance is increasing with 191 in Sunday School and 215 in the Sunday morning worship service recently."

FILIPINO EVANGELIST E. C. LAGMAY

... has been on furlough for a few months and is now looking forward to returning to the Philippines as soon as financially possible. This man has a great ministry, and we encourage pastors and friends to support him and pray for him.

TIM AND CHERRIE ZEMANEK,

... Pastor, Calvary Assembly, Rio Linda, are happily announcing the arrival of *Kimberly Carol* on September 21.

WITH THE LORD

Mrs. Carrin Katz

We are saddened by the death of Mrs. Carrin Katz, wife of Reverend Henry Katz, pastor of the Assemblies of God church in Ely, Nevada. Sister Katz, who was only 28 years of age, died suddenly of a heart attack on Monday, October 19. She is survived by her husband Henry and their six-year-old son Kevin.

Sister Katz' funeral was conducted in Las Vegas at Trinity Temple by pastor Wilbur Wacker. Robert Pirtle attended the funeral representing the Northern California and Nevada District Council.

We are saddened by the passing of Sister Katz but we know that her life on this earth was useful to the Master and now she has been called to higher realms of service. Our heart-felt sympathy is expressed to Brother Katz and to his son Kevin, and we assure them of our prayers on their behalf.

Mrs. Florence Erickson

Pastor Ted Ness conducted funeral services on Tuesday, October 27, for Mrs. Florence Erickson, beloved wife of Reverend Leif Erickson. The Ericksons had labored as missionaries in Peru during many years of their life together.

Our deepest sympathies are expressed to Brother Erickson and their nine children in this time of their bereavement. We rejoice with them to know that Sister Erickson is in the presence of her Lord.

EVANGELIST AUGUST A. ANDERSON

... keeps busy in his ministry throughout the States ... most recently in Kansas and Oklahoma.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REVEREND AND MRS. MELVIN JOHNSON

... upon the arrival of Mark Daniel on October 1. He was joyfully welcomed by sister Denise and brother Timothy.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

by Elmer E. Kirsch,
Dean of Education
Bethany Bible College

The other day my thoughts turned from the vast potential of the current students to those who graduated from the college — some so familiar, others obscure. They flashed before me with a myriad of questions. Where are they? What are they doing? Are they in the ministry?

In answer to those questions, a personal analysis of the graduating classes of 1969 and 1970 revealed many substantial answers. For instance, 55 men and women graduated in May of 1969, 31 of whom are pastors, associate pastors, evangelists, or are engaged in other full-time Christian ministry. In addition, 9 others are engaged in church-related Christian day schools or Christian boarding schools. The result: 72.7 per cent of the 1969 graduates are in active full-time Christian service.

A study of the other 27.3 per cent revealed that four are in public education, four are in secular employment, several are student wives, and three are unknown.

The class of 1970 yielded the same statistical evidence. Of 63 men and women graduated in May of 1970, 35 are either pastors, associate pastors, evangelists, or are engaged in other Christian ministry. In addition, 9 are involved in church-related day schools or Christian boarding schools. Therefore, 70 per cent of the 1970 class are in full-time Christian service. One 1970 graduate is in public education. An interesting fact of the 1970 class is that 21 per cent are continuing their education elsewhere. Four graduates are in secular employment.

Beginning with the fall semester of 1970 a curriculum revision was implemented to further strengthen the Biblical emphasis at Bethany. While Bethany does offer several academic and professional majors, the new curriculum requires that every graduate of Bethany will have a mandatory Bible-Theology major.



BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE

C. C. BURNETT, President
E. E. KIRSCH, Dean
DONALD H. WEST, Comptroller
KENNETH OLSON, Dean of Students



THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE:

WHY I CHOSE BIBLE COLLEGE

Byron Klaus, Junior, Ministerial Studies Major,
Belmont Gospel Church — Chicago, Illinois;
Reverend Arthur Klaus, Pastor

Today, I think, we are seeing secular colleges becoming centers for many types of activities. Among these are antiwar and other radical movements. I see no reason why we cannot have the Christian college as the center of a giant Christian student front to mobilize and reach out not only to our peers but to the whole society and share our encounter with Christ.

Communication with people of similar beliefs always seems to bolster the idea held in common. The spiritual atmosphere of a Christian college, if taken in a positive frame of mind, can be a tremendous boost to our own spiritual life. Since the spiritual high can be channeled into constructive ideas for better and more effective ways of communicating our spiritual experience, the Christian college is definitely a must on the college scene today.

First of all I think that God must play a big role in the selection of a specific Bible college, and the best school for me is the one in God's will for me. My choice of Bethany was based almost solely on the fact that I thought God wanted me here. I think Bethany's dual accreditation is an example of progressive thinking. While meeting the need of the student who believes his particular phase of ministry requires graduate level training, there has

been no compromise in the basic Bible teaching in adopting this dual system of accreditation. In the complex world of today the minister must be well educated and be able to empathize with many kinds of people. I believe Bethany's dual accreditation has met this need.

However, Bethany's strongest point is its faculty and administration. They have a tremendous desire in leading, teaching, and guiding students in a closer and deeper experience with Christ.

Patty Morgan, Freshman, Bible-Music Major,
Trinity Temple — Las Vegas, Nevada; Reverend
Wilbur Wacker, Pastor

I chose a Christian college because of the condition that the world is in right now. Because of this condition and because of things such as wars, riots, poverty, and racial strife the people of the world are going downhill. The communicators of the spirit of the age are young people.

Even though youth has a lot of problems and is going about solving them in an unacceptable way, I am still happy to be of this age group.

Because of so much chaos there is a greater need of God's love and presence among the young people. Public schools have many people with different philosophies of life and questions about the world. More than this is the fact that too many people are worshiping too many different gods. By gods I do not just mean idols. I mean things like sex, drugs, witchcraft, people, and many other material things.

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BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE
Presents
the

"Sounds of Christmas"

A REFRESHING EVENING OF INSPIRATION

Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
Thursday, December 17
8:15 p.m.

"His Name is 'Wonderful'"

IT WAS SUNDAY AFTERNOON. The rain-washed garden sparkled with clear beauty. Here and there tinted leaves were falling and landing on new, green shoots — next year's flowers. It was a scene to stop and enjoy. Thankfulness and worship were not far away.

I felt a desire to go into our warm and beautiful sanctuary. The organ looked inviting. As I slid on to the stool, a pink glow filled the eastern corner of the arches, making the light oak beams look so soft and warm.

The music drifted upwards — quietly, at first:

*Silent Night. Holy Night.
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face;
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

O the marvel of that birth, when God broke through the barrier of the years and entered time and humanity.

The music was sweet and the bells pretty, but I do not want to forget that my Saviour and Lord was born in a cattle shed.

I thought on the purpose of His advent, as the pink glow faded, and the melody changed. The music became wistful:

*There were ninety and nine that safely lay
In the shelter of the fold;
But one was out on the hills away,
Far off from the gates of gold.
Away on the mountains wild and bare
Away from the tender shepherd's care.*

I was that lost one. You were, too. That is why Jesus came — "to seek and to save that which was lost."

The deep, reverberating tones of the instrument were detailing this part of the story:

*And none of the ransomed ever knew
How deep were the waters crossed.
And all through the mountains thunder riven,
and up from the rocky steep,
There arose a cry to the gate of heaven
Rejoice, I have FOUND my sheep.*

And, as if sharing the angelic rhapsody, the arches echoed the response:

*Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!*

But now, the song returned to earth and became the theme of all who have been found and restored:

*Wonderful Name He bears;
Wonderful crown He wears;
Wonderful blessings His triumph affords:
Wonderful Calvary,
Wonderful grace for me,
Wonderful love of my Wonderful Lord.*

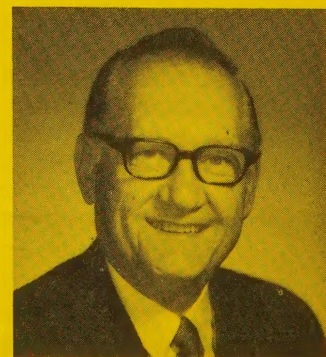
Surely: His Name is Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. —George Holmes

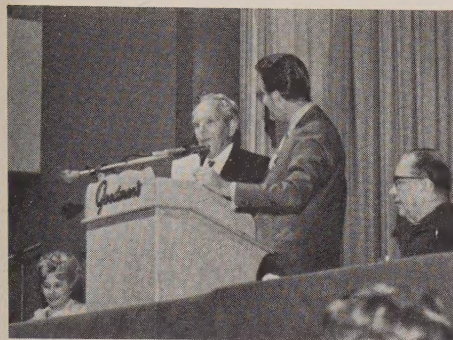
A Wish For Christmas Blessings

from Superintendent & Mrs.
JOSEPH L. GERHART



May He who hears
our every prayer,
Look down from up above
And bless you
With His abiding love.





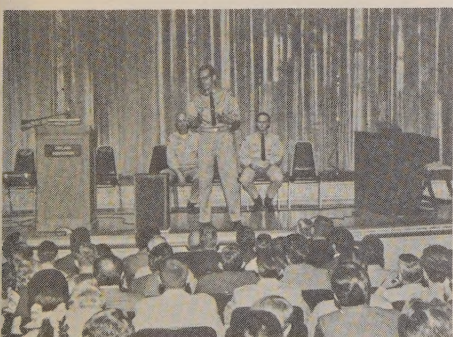
District M. F. Director Joe Wright, presenting Mr. Ed Conant, who has so graciously offered our District 104 acres of land for \$800 an acre with no interest charge, to be paid off in the next 22 years.




District Action Crusades Chairman Roy Wilkin-son, giving a visual demonstration illustrating how to win a soul to Jesus Christ at the District Men's Fellowship Convention.



The National President of Light for the Lost, Phil Sondeno, addressing those present at the Light for the Lost Seminar during the District M. F. Convention.

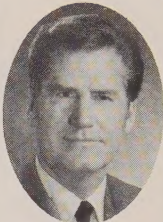


Commander Wes Kilcrease addressing the Commanders and Assembly-men during the Royal Ranger Seminar at the M. F. Convention.



THE ASSEMBLY MEN AT WORK

JOE D. WRIGHT
President





**A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERY PASTOR,
EVANGELIST, AND MISSIONARY IN FULL-
TIME SERVICE TO OUR LORD**

**... FROM THE ASSEMBLY-MEN OF
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA**

ASSEMBLY-MEN CHALLENGE TO SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

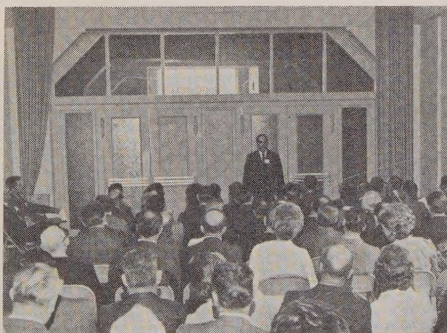
Assembly-men, let us all enter into this Christmas season with a prayer that God would develop in each of us a SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP — “serving the Lord with all humility of mind.” Acts 20:19

It is a serious and solemn thought that the life of the local church cannot rise above the level of the life experience by its leaders — like pastor, like people; like teachers, like scholars; like deacons, like members. How essential it is, therefore, that those of us upon whom God has placed the privilege and responsibility of leadership, should be qualified for this great task. How essential it is that we should not only possess life, but **LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY.**

(John 10:10) Spirituality is one of the greatest qualifications for leadership in the work and service of God, which is a quality that should characterize those of us who in any way “hold office” in the assembly life of the church.

Let us pray that during this Christmas season, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that the Holy Spirit will create within us a desire to excel in SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP. It is quite certain that there must be the exercise of some spiritual gift before we can justifiably assume any position of leadership. But the exercise of any spiritual gift must be preceded by the enrichment of spiritual grace — grace must come before gifts. The first requirement, if we would be used of the Lord to lead and guide and teach other, is spirituality. This

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Vice-President Burke Hollison, addressing M. F. Presidents and Pastors during the Seminar at the M. F. Convention.



National Chairman of Action Crusades, Mr. J. P. Jones, addressing the Action Crusades Seminar during convention time.

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TOUR

There are three things involved in the will of God. They are: Product, Process, and Schedule. The End, the Means, and the Time involved. God's will includes *what* He intends to accomplish, *how* He intends to do it, and *when* it will be finished.

Most often we are concerned about God's will as it relates to our personal life. During the past two weeks hundreds of Sunday School staff members traveled thousands of unselfish miles for the purpose of learning the *What*, the *How*, and the *When* of God's will as it relates to their Sunday School calling.

The presence of God was evident in each session, giving direction (the

What), methods (the *How*); and always emphasizing the urgency of the hour (the *When*).

Each tour site had four workshops: Sunday School Leadership, Bond Bowman; Sunday School Records and Follow-Up, William Vickery; Illustrating the Lesson, Charles Senechal; Reaching Teens with Robert Sinner, "Chip" Worthington, Steve Reynolds, Ray Tally, Rich Waters, and John Gordon.

Our thanks to Bond Bowman, pastor of Brightmoor Tabernacle, Detroit, Michigan, the feature speaker, for his timely, relevant and annointed ministry to our District's Sunday School workers.



"... Sir, we would see Jesus!"

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



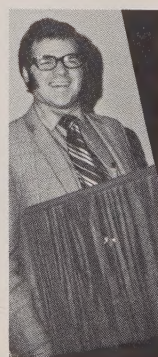
Bond Bowman



Charles Senechal



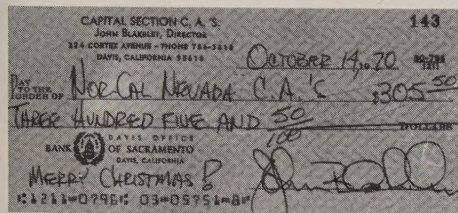
William Vickery



CAPITAL SECTION C.A.'S RECEIVE COPPER OFFERING

A unique offering was received at the Capital Sectional October Rally. The restriction was, in order to receive points toward the attendance trophy, the offering had to be 'copper' only! One point was given per penny. The total amount received, \$305.50, was designated for the support of the District C. A. Department.

Submitted by C. A. Rep John Blakeley



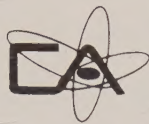
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NEITHER BE YE IDOLATERS, AS WERE SOME OF THEM: AS IT IS WRITTEN, THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND ROSE UP TO PLAY ... I Cor. 10:7



Students from Berkeley campus worshipping their false god — Krishna

The college campus today is no longer just the center of intellectual discovery, or the place where Mary, sorority girl, meets Dan, the handsome quarterback, and they live happily ever after. It has become the center of Satan's stronghold on our youth today. People are becoming aware of the end of time; the hopeless state of our society without a divine source of power and guidance from somewhere. While some bury themselves in apathy and indifference, many are seeking refuge in the supernatural, the occult, the spirit world, not knowing the deceiving counterfeit of Satan. We have seen the power of God dispel these works of darkness and bring reality to many searching hearts. PRAY ... for your campus ... that God will raise up a standard against the enemy, so that we might continue in the power and boldness of His spirit to bring the TRUTH of CHRIST to many lost and hungry seeking souls.



CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

JIM ARGUE
President



Christmas U.M.M. CRUSADE

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TO QUALIFY

YOU MUST HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST, BE AT LEAST 15 YEARS OF AGE, AND BE AMONG THE FIRST 125 TO QUALIFY BEFORE THE DECEMBER 21ST DEADLINE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT YOU SHALL BE MOTIVATED BY A LOVE FOR SOULS, ABIDE BY THE REGULATIONS OF THE CRUSADE, CONTRIBUTE \$5.00 TOWARD ITS EXPENSES, AND PARTICIPATE IN ITS ENTIRETY.

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for this week of challenge!

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AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH OTHERS THE JOY OF CHRIST AND THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

A WEEK OF CHALLENGE

HOURS OF WALKING, HOURS OF PRAYING, HOURS OF WITNESSING, HOURS OF GIVING YOURSELF.

THE GREATER REDDING, CALIFORNIA. AREA
A NUMBER OF CHURCHES ARE COMBINING AS
OUR HOSTS FOR THIS WEEK.

DECEMBER 26-31

BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. SATURDAY AND CONCLUDING THURSDAY NOON.

YOUTH MISSIONS MOBILIZED—P.O. BOX 961, SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA 95060

What Christmas Really Is

by Dr. Oswald C.J. Hoffmann



What is Christmas, anyway? A blowout with all the trimmings? A riot of color and sentiment to decorate the otherwise drab year? A sham and fraud perpetrated upon mankind?

In Japan, where it is widely observed, Christmas has become almost altogether a thing of toys and tinsel, of songs and selling, stolidly secular in conception and appeal. In that educationally and industrially advanced nation, few people are shocked, apparently, when a Tokyo night club bills a striptease to the accompaniment of "Silent Night, Holy Night."

For Western tastes, this is carrying matters a bit far. It smacks of the "Black Mass" intended to lampoon and desecrate the holy. The mere suggestion that the sacred song of Christmas could be associated with one of the lowest forms of entertainment jars our Western sensibilities. Why?

Yes, why? Where did the Japanese, with little or no Christian tradition of their own, pick up the idea of a completely secular Christmas, observed with no regard for its origins and with no particular interest in its religious significance? Yes, where?

Japanese businessmen know a good thing when they see it. Their penchant for imitating, and occasionally improving upon, the products of the West received recognition in a post-World War II British cartoon, depicting two executives of an English pottery firm engaged in puzzled examination of a letter, while one of them remarked: "Here is a gentleman from Japan who wants *one* of everything in our line."

The flamboyant Christmas of Japan, however, did not come from England. It is a typically American product our friends across the Pacific borrowed along with the optical instruments, electronics, toys, textiles, pottery, and automobiles of the West. What they saw they took, adding a few embellishments of their own: a national holiday built upon legends and fairy tales; the Christ-child taking His place alongside Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, "Silent Night" and "O Come, All Ye Faithful" blared forth together with "Deck the Halls" and "White Christmas."

Is this really Christmas in America? On the supposition that it is, the suggestion has been made, at least half seriously, that Christians abjure Christmas altogether, turning it over in entirety to the

hucksters. Appearing to be in the finest Christian tradition of self-abnegation — and probably offered in that spirit, the proposal smacks of the dog-in-the-manger attitude popular among some Christians today, usually expressed with a shrug of the shoulder implying that nothing can be done in response to a hopeless situation except to abandon the field.

The real story of Christmas needs to be told. Catching the world with its head in the clouds, or, as it more often does, down in the dumps, Christmas proclaims what our world desperately needs to hear and to take to heart!

It is a true story, confronting the unvarnished facts of life with the plain facts of history. The people in the Christmas story are real: Caesar Augustus, Censurinus, Mary, Joseph, and, of course, the Child.

The news had come by angel messenger to a young Jewish virgin in the distant and somewhat despised north country that she was to be the mother of the world's Redeemer. The announcement was not easy to take. Used to keeping her thoughts to herself, Mary must have wondered about the man to whom she was engaged to be married. What would he think?

Going off quietly to visit her cousin in the hill country of Judea, she took those months to think it all through for herself. There the whole plan became plain, as it would unfold, with the birth first of John and then of Jesus.

When it came time for the Child to be born, another event intervened to complicate the situation. What appears to have been the first general census of its kind in the entire Roman Empire was carried out at the eastern end of the Mediterranean, requiring a journey to the ancestral home in Bethlehem at the most inopportune time. Taxes cannot wait, for the world must go on.

The Most High is wakeful while the world sleeps. His government is at work, while people all unknowingly become part of a grand design that they probably would knowingly refuse to accept.

In the unlikely town and at the unlikely spot in that town, the Baby was born. Only shepherds heard the music of angelic choruses sweeping the skies. Only they came to worship.

In the jungle of international politics complicated by domestic conflict, where a rattlesnake sense of justice permits well-intentioned people to condone



the killing of young children attending Sunday school, there is still God.

THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS

God has come and is even now with us. Having appeared unexpectedly and decisively in His Son, He still comes with the good news of the Saviour though "the many" do not anticipate His coming. There is still God. "Fear not," said the angel: "fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

God has come. This is the good news of Christmas! This is hard reality from which there is no escape. Who would want to escape from it?

Yes, who? Who turns away from the good and gracious God to follow his own self-chosen path? Who sees himself in a mirror and straightaway goes his own way, forgetting what manner of man he really is? Who hears the Word of God, offering forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to all in Christ the Saviour, but sees no necessity for taking it personally to heart? Who turns Christmas into a secular festival, good for merchants and good for children?

God has not just come and gone. He is with us in Christ Emmanuel — himself God with us. He is with us, such as we are, in all his grace and glory, as Martin Luther said in Thesis 62 of his 95 Theses: "The true treasure of the Church is the Gospel of God's grace and glory." Who gratefully proclaims the good news of the grace of God, come to dwell with men in His own Son, our Lord Jesus Christ?

Without a good and gracious God, there is no hope for our world. The Apostle talks in the same breath of those who are without God and those who are without hope in the world.

A hopeless world without God is ceaselessly searching for a God who is no God at all, one who will be and will do what the world wants him to be and do — a kind of universal bellhop. The situation is similar to that of the girl who had jilted her faithful suitor because he was poor. Very unexpectedly he received a letter from her pleading for reconciliation and concluding with the words: "I love you very much." There was a postscript: "Congratulations on the fifty thousand dollars you just inherited from your grandfather."

The world does not really want what God has to give. As a matter of fact, it does not even want to know Him as He is. The world just wants to get from God what it wants.

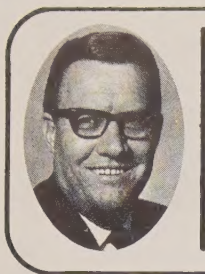
A WORLD IN CONFUSION

Having a distorted view of the Almighty, the world has a twisted conception of morality, of the standards by which it may be expected to live. Excuses are the order of the day, like that of a woman charged with forgery who naively pleaded innocent: "I'm not guilty; I burned the money." Competition justifies almost anything. A book entitled *How to Win at Golf* needed only one word inside its cover: "Cheat!" Cruelty and hatred have a field day in a world aptly described by the little verse:

*In a day of illusions
And utter confusions
Upon our delusions
We base our conclusions.*

Among all the illusions, delusions, and confusions of our work-a-day world, Christmas happened. Not a pleasant little fairy tale, it was all dreadfully real: the mighty, incomprehensible, all-powerful Ancient of Days coming into the world, a helpless, homeless, hapless Baby.

God must be accepted as He came — heaven's majesty clothed in earth's humility: "You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might be rich" (II Cor. 8:9).



WORLD EVANGELISM

ROBERT W. PIRTLE
Director



PASTOR AND MRS. IRA VAN HOUTEN

... moved to Owyhee, Nevada, in September where he has become the pastor of the Assemblies of God Indian Mission. May I share an appeal which came from Reverend Van Houten telling of the field, the church, the spiritual needs, of their family and of the part we all can play in sharing the Gospel with the Indian people.

"THE FIELD": The Duck Valley Indian Reservation lies on the border of the States of Nevada and Idaho, in the remote area about 100 miles north of Elko, Nevada, (on Hwy 51) and about 100 miles from Mountain Home, Idaho. At this 6,000-foot elevation live the Paiute and Shoshone Indians numbering about 1,000. Some are employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, some raise alfalfa hay and most live on Nevada state welfare. There are no Indian dividends from oil, lumber or uranium. Their little town of Owyhee (o-wah-hee) consists of a small general store (prices of bread 42 cents a loaf, milk 60 cents a half gallon), small confectionery-sundries store, tiny library, two service stations, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian hospital and large Indian school. To these needy people the full gospel has been brought by the Assemblies of God.

THE CHURCH: A solid concrete block building has been constructed in the shape of a "T" with the base being an auditorium with seating capacity around 150. The rear of the church and left wing is the annex uncompleted for class rooms. The right wing is the three bedroom parsonage, also uncompleted. Many of the missionaries have not been capable of raising support or funds or of doing the labor needed to put this building into shape, so many repairs remain to be done. The roof was damaged by a wind and rain storm and it has been replaced; however, the ceiling is falling on

many rooms of the church and parsonage. So there is need for ceiling tile, insulation, sheetrock, rewiring as well as paint to re-do the inside and exterior of the building. Restrooms have been planned but not built and some floors are not finished. The bathroom in the parsonage has recently been redone very nicely except for a window and leveling of the floor. The parsonage also needs new kitchen cabinets to replace the crude one, rugs and floor covering after the entire house has been leveled off with another layer of concrete. To do this will require fulltime work of a missionary as well as those willing to come and give of their labors and skills. Approximately \$1500 is the estimated cost of materials.

SPIRITUAL NEEDS: Pentecostal teaching has been generally accepted and the church has at one time averaged 65, but down now. Tithing by some is practiced and a pride of what has been done for them is known. The women are active in making quilts and rugs after the best clothes have been distributed. Several are gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit, teaching others and leading in the church. There is a need to rebuild the attendance, organization, gather the "sheep" who have strayed. Much prayer is needed for reaching this neglected race of our first Americans.

OUR FAMILY: During the 16 years of ministry, Reverend Van Houten has worked with the Indian people directly about 9 years and indirectly about 7 years. "We have fostered four Indian children and during our missionary work in New Mexico, adopted Jonathan David (who is now 8½ years) and Judith Lyn (8 years old now) and later Laurette Lee who is four years old. (All Spanish-American background and possibly the two part Pueblo Indian.) Jon and Judy will be in the third grade at the Indian School.

All can have emergency treatment at the Indian hospital if need be. Our family has spent several years living in remote areas at high altitudes and even in deep snow." "Brother Van" is skilled as an electrician journeyman and journeyman tile and linoleum layer, and has remodeled several missions.

YOUR PART: "God has told us, 'go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel,' and we will go. Will you please hold us up in PRAYER and GIVING? Since there is no secular work and so much to be done, will you SUPPORT our monthly requirements of gasoline, food, transportation and fuel, and HELP toward the remodeling of the building, and bring the GOSPEL to the AMERICAN INDIAN?"

THE LLOYD PERERA

... family is planning to leave soon for Colombo, Ceylon. Lloyd will engage himself in radio evangelism, correspondence school ministry, Bible College administrative work, and city-wide evangelistic crusades. Pray for these ministries.

Reverend Perera requests any pastors who have not yet sent in the pledge support forms from their churches to please do so immediately as these must reach Springfield before he leaves for the mission field.

RALPH AND JEWYL WILLIAMS

... report a safe arrival in Panama City, Panama, where they are engaged in Bible school ministry. Reverend Williams reports that he is teaching three and four hours a night for four nights a week among students who are in the first, second and third year classes of Bible school.

Please remember the fund that has been established to honor Rev. and Mrs. Williams who are among our oldest pioneers of missionary endeavor. The Ralph Williams Anniversary Fund has been established to make it possible for the Williams to travel to Wales in 1972 and there attend the anniversary service of the church where Ralph was saved and received his call to the missionary field. Funds sent to the District Office designated to Ralph Williams Anniversary Fund will be credited and used for this purpose. The Executive Presbytery has establish-

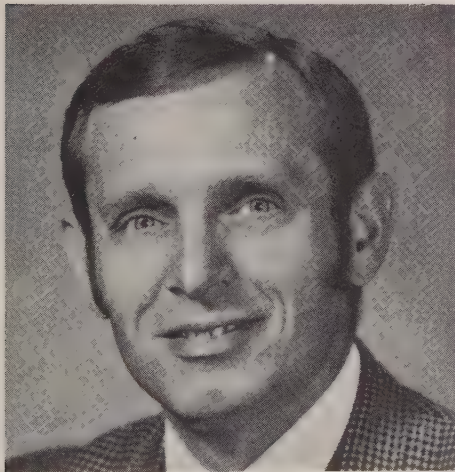
ed a goal of \$2,000 to make this trip possible as an expression of our appreciation to Rev. and Mrs. Williams for their many years of sacrifice.

MISSIONARY JIM GRAMS

... has arrived home for furlough from his field in Brazil. He and his wife Charlotte with their children are making their home in San Jose during their period of furlough. They may be contacted at 4624 Capay Dr., No. 1, San Jose, Calif. 95118. (408) 265-6238.

MISSIONARY MEL GRAMS

... has recently been conducting services here in his home District. Mr. Grams is the Academic Dean of the International Correspondence Institute. He and his family are making plans to move to Brussels, Belgium, next year where the overseas arm of this vital correspondence college will have its headquarters. We are proud to have one of our own Northern California and Nevada Assemblies of God missionaries engaged at this high level of responsibility in this important project.



Mel Grams

MISSIONARY VICTOR TRIMMER

... who has been serving in Manila, Philippines, for the past year, is transferring to Taipei, Taiwan, where he will be helping to coordinate a large building program in that capital city.

This building complex will serve as the headquarters for the Assemblies of God in Taiwan and be a Christian center for the nation. There will be offices for the China District of the Assemblies of God which will include the three areas

of the work: Mandarin, Taiwanese and aborigines. The four-story building will also include an auditorium seating one thousand, and a full floor of Sunday school rooms. The first floor in addition to the offices for the Chinese District work will also include a book store, International Correspondence Institute facilities, and offices for the departments and ministries of the Missionary Field Fellowship. The fourth floor will be apartments for missionaries and the pastor of the Taiwanese church.

Reverend Trimmer requests our prayers as he launches into this new field of ministry. He writes, "During this past year in my services, I have seen many filled with the Holy Spirit, many saved and Christian workers strengthened in their work for Christ. The harvest truly is great — the workers are few — the time is short."

Word reaches us here at the District Office that *Hal and Naomi Lehmann* will be returning from Africa for a short furlough. They plan to arrive in New York on the 12th of December and will leave from there for Dallas to spend an extended time visiting with their family. They will come home to California after the first of the year. Their Dallas address from the first of December will be 4351 Lively Lane, Dallas, Texas 75220. Their California address will be 4962 Pasadena Avenue, Sacramento, Calif. 95841.

REVEREND AND MRS. OTTO BELL

... who are laboring in the home missions church at Hilmar write to tell us of needs that we would like for the people of our District to put on their prayer list.

"We need \$400 worth of tile to cover the cement floors, accordion doors to close off the overflow room to save on utilities costs, and insulation to be blown into the ceiling of the sanctuary. We also need an air compressor for the cooling system before another summer. It was 110 degrees this summer with no insulation and with stationary windows."

Perhaps one of our churches would delight in making an investment by helping this little church extend the Kingdom of God in their community.

The Home Missions Board of the District encourages all of our churches to help sponsor these needs among the home missions works that are struggling without funds in so many areas. Your gifts for these worthy causes will be much appreciated. Just send to the World Missions Department of the District and designate the project for which you wish your gifts to go.

MISSIONARY JIMMIE ZACHARIOU

... writes from Greece telling of great plans for the Lord's work there. Preparations are being made to launch into a program of Bible correspondence using the International Correspondence Institute courses as material for this ministry. A successful boys' and girls' Bible camp was conducted during the summer with approximately 50 children in attendance and 13 of these children found the Lord as their Savior. For the first time in Greece Mr. Zachariou organized and directed a nation-wide young peoples' conference for one week at the Bible school. Approximately 25 young people came to the conference during the week and two young men received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The closing event of the conference was a rally held in the Athens church where young people gave their testimonies and told of the blessing which the conference had been to them. Evangelist Charles J. Senechal, from our own Northern California and Nevada District, was one of the speakers at this first youth conference conducted in that ancient land.

PAUL AND MIRIAM WRIGHT

... tell of great things happening in Salisbury, Rhodesia. Impact Crusade conducted there in October by Roy Sapp of Southern California has been, to quote from the Wrights' letter, "far beyond our wildest expectations and dreams." Between five and seven thousand people have been in attendance each night and many hundreds have come to the altar to make decisions for Christ. The Wrights ask for our prayers that God will do a great work in the hearts of the people who have been converted that they may be soundly established in the Lord.

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Dear Santa Claus:

You'll probably be surprised to receive this letter from an adult. You may be even more surprised as you read it to find out that the writer is neither a maiden aunt nor a disgruntled bachelor. I'm a young mother.

It isn't my intention, Santa, to hurt your feelings. You see, my family has paid tribute to you for many past Christmases: my husband and I when we were in our childhood; now our children who are 6, 4 and 2. They still care for you. How much they care has really proved a problem in recent years. It is threatening to happen again this holiday season.

Our children worship you. They speak of you constantly. They watch diligently for your December 25th appearance. Can you tell us, Santa, what you have done to deserve this faithfulness from two generations? Can you promise any future consideration in exchange for past loyalties?

During a family crisis, have you ever told us, "Lo, I am with you always?" Were you ever with us during sorrow to comfort us with these words, "But your sorrow will be turned into joy?" And, Santa, there have been the doubtful times. Where were you? We didn't hear you say, "I'll never leave thee, nor forsake thee!"

We have come to the conclusion that you have been even less than a friend should be. And we have been short-changed. My three children have stood on a windy, cold Main Street just to get a glimpse of your jolly face. They have written heartfelt yearly letters. They have gone to department stores to whisper in your ear. They have worked hard at being good in anticipation of your Christmas Eve visit. Yes, they have done all this as their Father and I did before them.

But there is going to be a change this Christmas. There isn't going to be any Santa Claus worship in our home. We've decided to focus our attention and adoration upon another being--One Who has stood by us the other 364 days this past year; One Who has comforted us during the sorrowful and doubtful times--and yes, in the times of crisis also.

It's true that your name will probably be mentioned around our house, Santa. Old habits are hard to break abruptly. But Someone Else's name will be mentioned much more often. The children will probably work just as hard at being good, but I hope they will do it for another inducement--one that will last the whole year long--to bring glory to Another's Name! That other One, Who has given us so much more--and not just on Christmas Eve!

You may call me fickle, Santa, but I won't mind! On this December 25th and all through the year ahead, we want a Comforter, a Healer, a strengthening King. We don't want a myth any longer.

You see, our Christmas thoughts will revolve around a manger and a tiny Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. We've talked it over. This year we've decided to give tribute, honor and worship to Someone Who really deserves them--to the True Giver--our God and our Saviour!

FAREWELL . . .



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REVEREND VERNE A. WARNER

... Director of the Program of Advanced Christian Education (PACE) in Latin America and the West Indies, writes from Veracruz, Mexico, while in the midst of a National Leadership Seminar. We

quote from Reverend Warner's letter, "We wish it were possible for you to spend a day with us here at the National Leadership Seminar in Veracruz. You would see the top leaders of the Assemblies of God in Mexico arduously preparing themselves for a more fruitful ministry among their own people. The day

would begin by arising about 5:30 in the morning, eating your breakfast of tacos and enchiladas with all the trimmings, including chili powder, and beginning classes shortly thereafter. Although you would not understand all that was said, unless you know fluent

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RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS

Sister Lois Gribling, WMC President of the Arizona District, presented Goldia Anderson an Indian Baby Cradle made by some Apache Indian Christians from Brother & Sister Leo Gilman's Indian Mission in Fort Apache, Arizona. Sister Gribling explained the great ministry among the Indian people of the state of Arizona. She stirred our hearts to promote the American Indian Bible School through our Penny Drive for 1971.

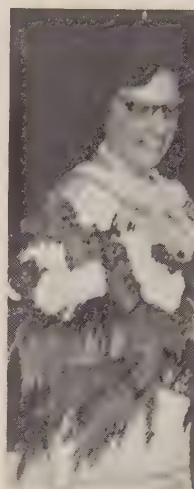


WOMENS MISSIONARY COUNCIL

GOLDIA ANDERSON
President



Nell Johnson, our dining room hostess and soloist during the Retreat. Sitting at the guest table is Barbara Forrest from National City. She thrilled our hearts as she spoke to us each morning.



A fun time during our Retreat was "giving" to the indebtedness of our District WMC Department. About 15 ladies represented different sections in our district and the lady receiving the most money to be sent to the office by December 31, 1970, was crowned our Retreat Queen. She was no other than "Queen Mabel Prettyman."

THE BRIGHTNESS OF BETHLEHEM

The World had taken a long journey into night — Then Christmas came. It was a sunburst. Never — has the world been the same dark place that it was before.

The Prophetic witness was "The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." (Isaiah 9:2)

The Messianic witness was "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

The Apostolic witness was, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5)

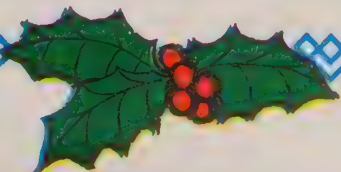
The light of which Christmas speaks is redemptive.

Light, under certain conditions, is germicidal. It gets rid of organisms that are hurtful and destructive. Christ our light is the soul's germicide.



(From left to right) Gwen English, District Missionettes Director; Jaci Turner, Secretary; Goldia Anderson, WMC President; Wyvonne Armstrong, Secretary.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Christian faith rests its claim not on the splendor of its history nor even upon the brilliance of its theology, but on this quiet scene with a mother holding her Child and the angels talking to the shepherds. When the Church has done its best, still we must stand before a manger, lost in wonder and praise at the mystery of the Incarnation — God made manifest in the flesh.

Fear not! He is with us, mighty to save. Having met the last enemy, which is death, He is with us. The Bearer of our nature has passed from death to life, along with all who follow Him in true faith; and the good news of Christmas is caroled by good and honest hearts:

*O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend on us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.*



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They are so hooked on all these things that they do not even realize that these are the objects that are tearing down each one of their lives and are corrupting the world. In my opinion, this is what is causing the riots and other troubles on campuses throughout the nation. There is only one God, and until we turn to Him, our lives continue to be a mess, whether we demonstrate in riots and cause trouble or just keep everything to ourselves.

I chose to attend Bethany Bible College because there is such a free and peaceful atmosphere on the campus. We have no racial strife, no one pushing his worldly philosophies on us, and no hate. Everyone believes in and worships the same God. THE ONLY GOD! But more than that, God's presence is here and has united us so that we may tell others about the love of our true God and how He has changed our lives. The greatest thing about Bethany is that every student and faculty member has placed God in first place in his life.

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fact is emphasized over and over again in the Scriptures. In Acts 6:3 here we are told that the men chosen for the administration of church funds were to be men "of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." These surely are the characteristics of God's leaders. Men and women who are honest, sincere, spiritually wise and above all spirit filled. All who would work for the Lord and especially those who would in any way lead in His work, must know what it is to be clean. They must have clean hearts for worship. Psalms 51:10. Clean hands for work. Isaiah 52:11. Clean feet to walk for the Lord, I John 1:7 and clean lips to witness for Him, Isaiah 6:7. This is the first qualification for leadership, to be cleansed from all defilement and impurity, and from doubtful things and to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Assembly-men, as Director of the M. F. Department, I would challenge you this Christmas season to find a place somewhere and yield yourself to the Holy Spirit and make yourself available for greater spiritual leadership in the coming year of 1971.

MISSIONARY BERNHARD JOHNSON REPORTS ON "LIGHT FOR THE LOST" ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Glad Tidings Magazine for the month of August just arrived yesterday — here in Rio. I saw the announcement for the convention in Oakland on October the 10th which is tomorrow. Unfortunately, this letter will not reach you in time for the convention. However, I thought it necessary to give you some information of some of our latest activities and especially the part the men play through Light for the Lost.

We are grateful for the vision that God has given you, Brother Wright, and to the men of our District to supply the funds for the literature and crusades programs overseas. We just recently conducted an outstanding crusade in the city Belem at the mouth of the Amazon River in Northern Brazil. This crusade was conducted for eight nights in the largest stadium in the city. We began on the

opening night with a crowd of over 50,000 in attendance, and ended, the following Sunday, with 75,000. The press stated that we had over 100,000 which was exaggerated, but we did not mind the publicity. Most precious of all were the 12,750 persons that accepted the Lord as Savior and filled out decision cards. Through the efficient work of the local churches these new converts are being visited and brought into the churches.

Light for the Lost, which helped us with the sum of \$3,000 for our literature, was a most important part of this crusade. Thirty thousand homes were visited before the crusade began and three pieces of literature were left in each home. It would be impossible to conduct our crusades without the help of L-F-L.

I want to thank you, personally, Joe, and in turn ask you to thank the men of our District and nationwide for the help they give in conducting this ministry.

Please greet everyone in the Men's Fellowship Department.



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Spanish, you would certainly feel the enthusiasm and the spirit of the Lord that has motivated these leaders to come and study as they do. The faculty is top notch, and includes Melvin Hodges, Monroe Grams, Louise Walker, and Joe Kilpatrick, all from the U. S. A. In addition to these, National Superintendent Guillermo Fuentes is co-directing the school with me, being assisted by Pastor Abraham Hernandez, administrator; Antonio Rivera, director of the Durango Bible Institute, who is teaching I and II Timothy; and Gabriel Ortiz, assistant general superintendent of Mexico, who is serving as chaplain and spiritual advisor in the Seminar.

"Although the schedule is rigorous, and the courses accelerated, the Spirit of the Lord is very prevalent and evident in the services and classes, as well as the times of individual study.

"Your prayers and offerings have made this seminar possible, so we thought we would like to share this little 'on the spot' report with you. If you will continue to pray and give, we will continue to go!"

**EVANGELIST
GERRY ROBERTS**

... has ministered throughout the Hawaiian Islands with good success. Pastors have reported a deep appreciation for this man's good ministry.

**PASTOR HAROLD M. KAHL,
POINT ARENA**

... reports recent revival in the church with several accepting Christ as personal Savior. The beautiful Garcia River was recently the scene of a glorious baptismal service with nineteen believers being baptized.

PASTOR AND MRS. L. R. KEYS

... were recently privileged to enjoy a missionary tour which took them to many parts of the world including India. The following is taken from an article which appeared in the SAN JOSE NEWS . . .



Pastor and Mrs. Manley

PASTOR GRADY W. MANLEY

... was recently elected to serve the Lincoln Assembly. Former Lincoln pastor, Reverend Garland Covington is now located at Alisal Assembly in Salinas.

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